

**System and Method for Tab Order
Mapping of User Interfaces**

ABSTRACT

A system and method is provided to display a common
5 display page on a variety of display devices using the
item's tab order property to determine the display order.
Controls that are displayed on a display device typically
have a tab order. When a window that has controls is
displayed, the cursor is typically placed at the control
10 with the lowest (i.e., first) tab order. When the user
presses the tab key, the cursor moves to the control
corresponding to the next lowest tab order. This allows
the designer to design a single window (or panel) that is
displayed differently on constrained devices. However,
15 even though the window is displayed differently, using tab
order mapping maintains a consistent visible proximity
between controls despite the type of display device being
used by the user.